

Leicester, Mass. June 3, 1861,  
Dear friend Webb,

It seems that the Advertisement I inserted  
in the "Standard", relative to Thomas Sparrow,  
has taken effect. Today I have received  
this note, from one who claims to be a son of  
the Thos. Sparrow, of whom you inquired.  
— I have written to him, and given him  
the leading particulars, as to the death  
of Francis Sparrow, &c., as given in  
your letter to me of Dec<sup>r</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> last. — I  
have never had any reply to letters  
written to Kingston, Canada, & the 2  
Trentons. Perhaps I waited needlessly  
long, before trying the Standard. I have  
given your address to John Sparrow  
and you may hear from him soon.  
It seems that Thomas Sparrow is still  
living.

I have nothing further yet  
to send you respecting John Brown's  
book. M<sup>r</sup> Kim, in a letter to me just  
rec<sup>d</sup>, says, "I hope M<sup>r</sup>. Webb will  
be able to get some material for his

Just send your  
Saml<sup>l</sup> May Jr



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Confederate States, it will be disowned & disavowed before all people; for nothing could so far to cover it up as  
hypocrisy in its professed desire to put down the slave trade, and slavery, - & pretend the white people will not suffer them to do so to betray them.

look from you folks; for we have  
none here; and a decent Life of John  
Brown is, at this time, a desideratum  
on both sides of the water.

I hope you will have duly received  
my several communications of Apr. 16,  
May 3<sup>d</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> — all, I believe  
relating to the said Life of John Brown.  
[The above dates are either of the letters, or of the  
day of sailing of the Steamers which took them,  
I'm not sure which.]

My kindest regards to Richard. Have  
I told you that my son Edward had got  
home, safe & well? He is now seeking  
business in Boston; but these war-times  
are very unfavourable.

Much anxiety is felt in some quarters  
at the course which England will take, and  
by some of ~~our~~ papers, the Queen's Procla-  
mation is criticised sharply. For myself,  
I liked the Proclamation. I understood it as  
prohibiting any participation in the War here, by  
accepting privateer commissions or otherwise; and  
expressly warned that no protection <sup>or redress</sup> would be afforded  
by the Brit. Govt. for any harm or loss incurred by  
such participation; but all our people do not so interpret  
it. — I feel great confidence in the sympathy of the British people  
with our position, as against the Seceding Slaveholders & Slave-traders. Should  
the Brit. Govt. give the least encouragement, or show the least favour, to the